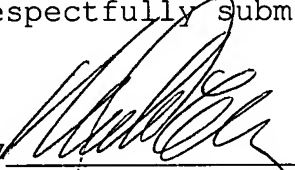


to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights she may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicant furthermore reserves her right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

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APPENDIX

4. (Amended) A high-pressure discharge lamp as claimed in claim 1, ~~2, or 3,~~ characterized in that the cermet has a tapering shape adjacent the end and is provided with a narrowed portion.

5. (Amended) A high-pressure discharge lamp as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2,~~ characterized in that the lamp is a metal halide lamp.

6. (Amended) A high-pressure discharge lamp as claimed in claim 1 ~~or 2,~~ characterized in that the lamp has a power rating of at least 100 w.

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